

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Walter McNutt, on January 10, 2007 at 3:25 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:	HB 16, 1/3/2007; HB 93, 1/3/2007; HB 130, 1/3/2007; HB 151, 1/3/2007
Executive Action:	None

HEARING ON HB 16, HB 130, HB 151, HB 93

Opening Statement by Sponsors:

EXHIBIT (nah06a01)

00:03:21 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 16, Eliminate water adjudication fee.
00:06:52 Rep. Margaret Campbell (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 130, Suspend water adjudication fee.
00:11:39 Rep. Ralph Heinert (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 151, Repeal water adjudication fee and provide rebate.
00:15:01 Rep. Debby Barrett (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 93, Eliminate water adjudication fee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:35 Mary Sexton, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

EXHIBIT (nah06a02)

00:24:35 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
00:27:45 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers' Association
00:33:01 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
00:34:22 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities & Towns
00:36:35 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited
00:37:15 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmer's Union
00:37:54 Pat Torgerson, Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:33 Rep. Van Dyk
00:40:36 Ms. Sexton
00:40:56 Rep. Cohenour
00:41:24 Ms. Sexton
00:43:17 Rep. Ross
00:43:47 Ms. Sexton
00:46:02 Rep. Erickson
00:46:16 Ms. Sexton
00:48:26 Krista Evans
00:48:52 Rep. Hendrick
00:50:13 Rep. Ross
00:50:43 Rep. Heinert
00:51:19 Rep. Heinert

00:51:30 Mr. Hansen
00:52:17 Rep. Heinert
00:52:43 Ms. Sexton
00:53:19 Rep. Mendenhall
00:54:16 Rep. Campbell
00:54:33 Ms. Sexton
00:55:38 Rep. Cohenour
00:55:57 Ms. Sexton
00:57:02 Rep. Heinert
00:57:20 Ms. Sexton
00:58:21 Chairman McNutt
00:58:00 Rep. Small-Eastman arrived

Closing by Sponsors:

01:00:15 Rep. Keane
01:01:13 Rep. Campbell
01:01:39 Rep. Heinert
01:02:16 Rep. Barrett

ADJOURNMENT

01:04:31 Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

REP. WALTER MCNUTT, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah06aad.pdf](#))